

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, March 25, 2004

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, March 25, 2004, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien – Rm. 328-A, Detroit, MI 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Willie E. Hampton **(ABS)**
Arthur Blackwell, II **(ABS)**
Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley
Megan Norris **(ABS)**

Department Personnel Present

AC Walter Shoulders
Insp. Walter Martin
Insp. Janice Butler
Insp. Duane McKissic
Insp. Jamie Fields
Cmdr. Ralph Godbee
Sgt. Eren Stevens
Sgt. Constance Slappey
PO Ivette Reed

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Exec. Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator
Harrison Tolliver, Supervising Investigator
Lloyd Sharper, Lieutenant
Damon Nunn, Police Commission Investigator
E. Lynise Bryant-Weekes, Personnel Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Bernice Smith
Ms. G. A. Walters
Mr. Phillip Craccioholio

Rick Jones
Herman Vallery

RECORDERS

Jerome Adams
Felicia Hardaway

1. CALL TO ORDER

Comm. Ramirez called the committee of the whole meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:15p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Comm. Ramirez stated that the Minutes for **Thursday, March 18, 2004**, will be **tabled** until the next full meeting of the Board.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

None.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

2004

This Week

Year to Date

Weekly Count of Complaints:

50

327

2003

During the past week:

31

Year to Date:

280

5. REPORT/PRESENTATION – CHIEF OF POLICE

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS



BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and business. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

The Narcotics Enforcement and Conspiracy Sections conducted four (4) enforcement actions in the City of Detroit. The enforcement actions resulted in the following arrests and confiscations:

- ◆ 6 Felony arrests
- ◆ 12 Misdemeanor arrests
- ◆ 612 Grams of cocaine, 57.5 grams of heroin and 3,361.5 grams of marijuana – street value \$361,746.00
- ◆ \$6,491.00 U.S. currency

The Vice Section conducted an enforcement action in the 4th Precinct area. The enforcement actions resulted in the following arrests and confiscations:

- ◆ 7 Arrests for “Offer to Engage”
- ◆ 6 Arrests for “Disorderly Conduct/Flagging”
- ◆ 7 Vehicles confiscated

SIXTH PRECINCT

On March 24, 2004, officers of the Sixth Precinct responded to a “Breaking and Entering in Progress,” in the 13500 block of Rutherford. Upon arrival, officers spoke with a neighbor who observed an unknown male kick in the side door and leave with several items in hand. She informed officers that her neighbor was out of town. This brave citizen startled the perpetrator as he fled on foot causing several items to drop. Upon further investigation of the information provided and immediate action by the officers, the subject was

apprehended and conveyed to the Sixth Precinct without incident. The subject was charged with "Home Invasion II."

ELEVENTH PRECINCT

Officers of the Eleventh Precinct were given information on an "Robbery Armed," that took place in the 20400 block of John R. Upon further investigation of the crime, the officers of the Eleventh Precinct arrested and charged the subject with:

1. Robbery Armed
2. Assault with Intent to Murder
3. Felony Firearms
4. Felon In Possession of Firearm
5. Habitual II

MOBILE SUPPORT SECTION

During the week of March 17, 2004, the Traffic Administration Unit conducted training for the school Crossing Guards. The Mounted Unit participated in a Mass at Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday, March 17, 2004, for St. Patrick's Day.

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (S.R.T.)

During the week of March 17, 2004, members of S.R.T. were assigned to patrol the Sixth and Eight Precincts. Additional assistance was needed due to the increase in business robberies in the areas.

On March 18, 2004, members of S.R.T. instructed a Critical Incident Response Class for the newly promoted Sergeants.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

THIRD PRECINCT

The Third Precinct is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, March 30, 2004, from 9AM through 3PM at the B.U.O.Y. 3 Activity Center located at 3041 W. Vernor Highway, Detroit, Michigan 48216. If any there are any questions or concerns regarding this event, please contact the Third Precinct Community Relations Office, at (313) 596-5370.

HISPANIC POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND THE MAYOR'S HISPANIC ADVISORY COUNCIL:

The Hispanic Police Officers Association and the Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Council, is hosting a "Cesar Chavez-Community Service Graffiti Paint Out". This event will be held on Wednesday, March 31, 2004, 12:00 Noon at the B.O.U.Y 3 Center (3041 W. Vernor Highway). Please contact Lieutenant John Serda, at (313) 596-1849, if there are any questions or concerns.

6. REQUEST TO ACCEPT APPROVAL OF A GRANT

Comm. Ramirez stated that the following Grants will be **tabled** until the next full meeting of the Board:

1. The Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) has awarded the Training Bureau of the Detroit Police Department a ***"Policing in the 21st Century"*** Grant in the amount of **\$16,642.00**. There is **no cash match**.

The grant is designed to enhance the skills of police officers and assist them with the law enforcement challenges of the 21st Century. New criminal statutes, budget constraints, and escalating crime has forced law enforcement agencies to develop new crime fighting techniques and approaches.

This grant will join police and city officials from the metropolitan Detroit area to engage in problem solving dialogue and to develop proactive crime fighting action plans.

2. The Bureau of Justice (BJA) is providing federal funds for the ***Bulletproof Armored Vest Partnership Program*** for the Detroit Police Department. These funds will be used for states and units of local government to equip their law enforcement officers with armored vests. The Department purchased approximately 249 vests in 2003 at a cost of \$424.95 per vest, for a total of **\$105,812.55**. There is **no cash match**.

This reimbursement program provides funding for up to (50%) of the total costs (including taxes, shipping and handling charges). The entire application and payment process occurs electronically the Internet.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Atty. Hooks stated in regards to the letter that was delivered today from LSA. The letter is in respect to those 10 sergeants who were demoted recently. Just for the record we want LSA to know that this letter will be made a part of today 's meeting. This issue will be looked at and we will get back with them at a later date.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Sgt. Eren Stevens from Corporate Communications and I would like to invite the Board of Police Commissioners to the following events:

1. The Third Precinct will be hosting a Blood Drive on March 30, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the BUOY 3 Activity Center, located at 3041 West Vernor.
2. On Saturday, April 3, 2004, the Twelfth Precinct will be hosting the American Heart Association Community Heart Walk. The first group will walk 1½ miles and the second group will walk 3½ miles. This will start at 10:00 a.m. Also, at 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. they will have health screens that will be available.
3. The Chaplain Corp will be hosting their annual Spring Gospel Concert on Friday, April 2, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, located at 50 Fisher Freeway. The cost of the tickets are \$10.00. Their goal is to raise 10,000 dollars this money will go towards their annual camera audio visual for their Interfaith Memorial Service and their Interfaith Memorial Breakfast, which will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2004.

Bernice Smith voiced concerns in regards to a confidential call she received about DPW selling cars at a low price and businesses being overcharged for garbage fees for the past 10 years. There is drug activity taken place at a store on 12th and Calvert and gas station on Linwood and Glenn near Rosa Parks.

Ms. Walters asked regarding bylaws for policies which deal with stopping cars in the street and domestic violence situations, do you ask the person are they taking medication?

AC Shoulders stating no we do not ask if they are medication unless we notice them acting strange or what we see.

Ms. Walters asked what about domestic violence?

AC Shoulders stated that usually involves drinking or other passion related matters.

Mr. Craccioholio asked what does the Chief means when she says management? Does she mean that she the management? Does it mean she makes that decision? Does that mean she have a group of people who makes the decision?

AC Shoulders stated the Chief makes the final decision. The Chief has a senior management team that is made up of executives, who sit down and develop policies, procedures and ideas that we feel will be the best for the City of Detroit, the Department and citizens.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 1, 2004, @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters, Rm. 328-A
1300 Beaubien
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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